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[on the report of the Second Committee (A/51/607)]

51/187. United Nations University

The General Assembly,

Reaffirming its previous resolutions on the United Nations University,

Having considered the report of the Council of the United Nations University[1] and the report of the Secretary-General on the work of the University,[2]

Expressing its deep appreciation for the voluntary contributions made to date by Governments and other public and private entities in support of the University,

Noting with appreciation the efforts made by the Rector of the United Nations University in intensifying his interaction with the United Nations Secretariat in the context of preparing for the third medium-term perspective,

Noting also with appreciation the efforts made by the Rector in initiating a new series of research programmes,

1. Welcomes the completion of the second medium-term perspective, 1990-1995, of the United Nations University and the ongoing work of formulating the third medium-term perspective for the period 1996-2001, being considered by the Council of the University;

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[1] A/51/31; see Official Records of the General Assembly, Fifty-first Session, Supplement No. 31.

[2] A/51/324.

2. Takes note with appreciation of the steps taken by the Council and the Rector of the United Nations University to promote the work and the visibility of the University, particularly among Member States, the United Nations and its agencies, through such measures as organizing a series of public forums for the purpose of disseminating the results of its research, and requests them to further intensify such efforts;

3. Requests the Council and the Rector to continue intensifying their efforts to improve the University's interaction and communication with other bodies of the United Nations system, and to continue their efforts to avoid the duplication of work within the system;

4. Also requests the Council and the Rector to enhance further coordination and complementarity between the University's programmes and its research and training centres;

5. Requests the Secretary-General, in this connection, to continue his consideration of innovative measures to improve the interaction and communication between the University and other bodies of the United Nations system and to ensure the integration of the work of the University into all relevant activities of the system, taking into account General Assembly resolution 49/124 of 19 December 1994, so that the United Nations system may draw more extensively upon the work of the University, and to submit a report thereon to the Assembly at its fifty-third session;

6. Welcomes the efforts of the Secretary-General to allow for the greater participation of the University in the work of the United Nations, and invites him to continue to encourage the participation, as appropriate, of the University in the activities of the Administrative Committee on Coordination and its subsidiary machinery, as well as through other existing structures and modalities for communication, interaction and integration;

7. Requests the Council and the Rector, taking into account resolution 49/124, to continue to make further efforts to ensure the efficiency and economy of the activities of the University, as well as its financial transparency and accountability, and to intensify efforts to augment its Endowment Fund and to find innovative ways to mobilize operating contributions and other programme and project support;

8. Invites the international community to make voluntary contributions to the University.

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